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THE COURT: Okay. I want to preface everything by saying this case is scheduled for trial on October 5th and if there are trials in the New York Supreme Courthouse on October 5th, this case will go to trial on October 5th. If, for whatever reason, there aren't trials on October 5th, particularly jury trials, this case will be scheduled for the first available trial date even if I have to move what were previously scheduled for other dates in October and November.

So I'm putting all of the attorneys on notice that resolving this case on the merits is the No. 1 priority on this part's docket. This is a 2017 case and it needs to be resolved on the merits. So you're all on notice of that and I expect everyone to make their plans accordingly.

MR. MOSS: Your Honor, this is Edward Moss for the Plaintiff. May I just address the trial date briefly?

THE COURT: Yes.

MR. MOSS: So we had witnesses who will be coming in from Hong Kong and right now there's a travel ban and so as I recalled our discussion from a month ago, we were going to revisit whether or not we would be keeping the October trial in light of the evolving COVID situation and we just can't be sure that we will be able to have our witnesses come to this country. They are willing and able

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and they will, but if there is a travel ban or if there are extenuating circumstances given the virus, I just want to be sure that we won't be prejudiced by having that trial date and not being able to bring our witnesses given the circumstances outside of our control.

THE COURT: Well, if we're dealing with some kind of force majeure issue where it's impossible for the witnesses to be here, obviously that circumstance will be accommodated, but barring that circumstance, we're going to proceed. I think it's very much in everyone's interest to get this case resolved on the merits.

MR. MOSS: All right. We will speak with our client and do the best we can, Your Honor.

And as far as the merits, we do plan to file -- I was just saying that as for the merits, the plaintiff does intend to file a summary judgment motion and we are hopeful that the Court will have time before trial to consider that motion.

THE COURT: Then you should file your motion by Order to Show Cause. It's not that the motion is untimely, but the more time that the Court has to review the motion, the more likely it is that the motion can be decided sufficiently in advance of the trial date so that there are no unnecessary expenses.

MR. MOSS: Because right now the way we have it,

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Judge, is that because we think this motion may impact the scope of the summary judgment, the sanctions motion that you will be hearing today, I believe our motion for summary judgment is due as per our last call with you 21 days after a ruling on this motion, and so because of that -- I mean, maybe we can do it a little more quickly, but because of that, I don't know --

THE COURT: That's fine. That's fine. What we previously agreed to is fine.

All right. So let's proceed with the sanctions motion.

MR. MOSS: Okay. Thank you, Your Honor. Edward Moss for the Plaintiff.

And as the Court knows, the reason for the motion here today is that Mr. Kwok repeatedly gave false testimony at his deposition about the central issue in this case when he denied that he entered into the March 2011 personal guarantee and loan facility that we are suing on in this case, as well as several related contracts. Mr. Kwok testified that those were fake documents with his signatures forged, and as we covered in the briefs and I'll cover it, it's indisputable that that testimony was not untruthful, but also that his lawyers knew that to be the case.

We do not bring this motion lightly, Your Honor.

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After the deposition we wrote to opposing counsel and we gave them a chance to correct the false testimony. They refused to take any remedial action and so here we are.

I think it's important to give the Court a little bit of background on the merits to put this testimony in context and just how critical it is to the case. So the parties began their relationship in 2008. Pacific Alliance lent Mr. Kwok money to finish an apartment complex in Beijing that he and his companies were building. Mr. Kwok made repayments in 2009. He repaid some of the money. There were then a series of agreements through the years and in March 2011 the parties entered into a new loan facility, a new personal guarantee and they agreed in those documents that there was still \$46 million due and owing even though there were payments in 2009.

The March 2011 guarantee is the document Pacific Alliance is suing under. Mr. Kwok never repaid any of the money due and owing under the March 2011 personal guarantee and by April of 2013 the parties tried to settle the debt. Mr. Kwok said I'll give you, Pacific Alliance, three apartments in the Beijing complex that I was building to settle the debt. It was memorialized in an April 2013 settlement agreement, but there were conditions precedent to that settlement, including, most importantly, Mr. Kwok had to give Pacific Alliance title because they were going

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to sell the apartments and try to recoup some of the money that he'd owed them.

He admits in his papers that he never gave them title and so by the settlement agreement's express terms, because the conditions precedent were not satisfied, the debt reverted and the personal guarantee reverted.

Throughout this entire case before this Court Mr. Kwok has taken the position that he settled the debt because he substantially performed under that 2013 agreement; he gave Pacific Alliance the keys and they signed the contract even though title was never transferred. That was his defense.

There was never a question about whether any of these contracts were authentic. So we were all -- I think both sides of the table were very surprised at his deposition last year on what is supposed to be the last day of discovery when Mr. Kwok testified that all of these documents were fake contracts with his signatures forged by the Chinese government. He testified that the March 2011 loan facility and personal guarantee were fake. He said the April 2013 settlement relating to the apartments was fake and there were four extensions; the settlement agreement -- there were four extensions and those make the seven key agreements; the guarantee, the facility, the settlement and the four extensions. And so Mr. Kwok, his story at his deposition was that "I made some payments in

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2009 and all the documents after that, the 2011 documents, the 2013 settlement, they were all fake."

Now, I'm going to walk through this using the April 2013 deed of settlement as an example. I put in front of him -- I said to him: "Did you sign this? What is it?" He said: "I mean, this is so ridiculous. It's so ridiculous. You forged something like this. You tried to accuse me. This is so fake." And he had similar testimony about all of the other key contracts. There is no way, Judge, no way to reconcile this with Mr. Kwok's admissions and his positions in this case.

On the forum non conveniens motion, the first motion in this case, Mr. Kwok submitted an affidavit by someone named Fiona Yu. She swore -- Ms. Yu swore under penalty of perjury that she was an appointed person of Mr. Kwok and that she was attaching, quote, true and correct copies, quote, of the key contracts, including the guarantee, the facility, the deeds of settlement and the extensions. So that is Docket No. 11. These documents were put in front of the Court, filed with the Court by Mr. Kwok at the beginning of this case before discovery. These weren't our copies of the agreements that we gave him and he gave to you, these were his copies. He put the documents in in this case and said they were true and correct copies.

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Then we served Pacific Alliance's Request for Admission at the beginning of the case. We docketed these as Docket No. 347. We said to him, for example, "Admit that you, Shiny Times, Beijing Pangu and Pacific Alliance executed a Deed of Settlement dated April 19, 2013." We didn't have to give him the document, he had already docketed it. He knew exactly what the document was and because he knew what it was, he said in his response, it's highly caveated, of course, with a lot of boilerplate, but he says: "Kwok admits only that he, Shiny Times, Beijing Pangu and Pacific Alliance executed an agreement dated April 19, 2013." Then that's one of the documents he said in his deposition didn't even exist, it's a fake.

Then we had an evidentiary hearing on the attachment phase of the case. Pacific Alliance included on the joint exhibit list all of these key contracts, all of them. Mr. Kwok represented in a letter to the Court that he, quote, does not dispute the authenticity of any of plaintiff's exhibits. How could he? They were his documents. There are arguments in the briefing from the other side about how their documents -- Mr. Kwok's admissions don't mean what they say and we addressed those in the briefing, but I don't think I need to waste the Court's time with that here.

The documents, Your Honor, are clear as day and

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the suggestion that the law firm didn't know that the testimony was false lacks any and all credibility.

Docket No. 167; this is the Hodgson Russ brief relating to the attachment proceedings and they were arguing about likelihood of success on the merits and here is what they said in Docket No. 167: "For example, substantial performance of the April 19, 2013 Deed of Settlement may have occurred."

It would be unconscionable to allow PAX to obtain full repayment of the loan in this action in addition to the windfall of three valuable apartments meant to satisfy that same loan facility. The loan is the March 2011 loan, the facility is the March 2011 facility, the Deed of Settlement that they say he substantially performed under is the April deed, 2013. Mr. Kwok testified that these documents don't exist, that he never signed them.

In addition to their representations, we have dozens and dozens and dozens of contemporaneous e-mails from our clients served with metadata that we produced in this case. We have witnesses who will testify that they sent and received those e-mails in realtime. They include e-mails like the one on our slide deck, Docket No. 354. This is an e-mail on March 16, 2011, the date of the facility from Stevenson, Wong, Mr. Kwok's lawyers, to our client, Pacific Alliance. It contains three attachments;

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1 Proceedings 2 the loan facility, the personal guarantee, and the lawyers 3 write -- Mr. Kwok's lawyers write to us: "Dear Steffi --" that's an in-house lawyer at Pacific Alliance -- "Attached 4 5 please find herewith documents signed by Mr. Kwok Ho Wan for your further handling." And it attaches the executed 6 7 copies of the personal quarantee and of the loan facility. It is crystal clear, and the cases are just as 8 9 clear, Your Honor, that the Court has the discretion to 10 impose sanctions for frivolous conduct, and frivolous 11 conduct includes asserting material factual statements that 12 are false. We've asked for attorneys' fees, we've asked for monetary sanctions and we've also asked the Court to 13 14 use its discretion to preclude Mr. Kwok from advancing this 15 argument. This is an argument he put on us in the last day 16 of discovery that was diametrically opposed to all of his 17 other positions in this case. 18 THE COURT: Let me ask you this, Mr. Moss. MR. MOSS: Of course. 19 20 THE COURT: You're suing Mr. Kwok for 21 \$46 million. 22 Well, there was interest on the loan, MR. MOSS: 23 Your Honor. THE COURT: More than \$46 million. 2.4 25 It's now actually up to about 110. MR. MOSS: 26 So you're suing Mr. Kwok for THE COURT: Laura L. Ludovico, SCR

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\$110 million. Of what benefit to you would the monetary sanction be?

MR. MOSS: Sure. Well, in terms of the monetary sanction, the \$10,000 per occurrence, my understanding, Your Honor, is that that does not come to us -- that's really punitive -- it goes to lawyer's funds and it's meant to discourage further conduct. And as far as the attorneys' fees go, we expended attorneys' fees.

Mr. Kwok's deposition was a waste of time and we felt that we needed to bring this briefing -- bring this issue to the Court's attention, and so our client would be reimbursed for the attorneys' fees spent sort of dealing with this issue.

And as we all know, you know, Mr. Kwok knows he has not paid his rent on the Sherry-Netherland. Who knows where he is right now. You know, we believe that a message should be sent that you can't lie under oath and that there should be penalties, and we also believe that we should be reimbursed for the attorneys' fees, but the preclusion is important here, Judge, because we need some focus on the summary judgment. Either this is -- either these are real contracts and we have to argue substantial performance and see if they actually have any defense, which we believe they don't, they never gave us title, or we need to argue something, I guess, about how his self-serving testimony

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alone can't create a genuine issue of fact on whether or not these documents are real.

If the document is real -- if the March 2011 document is real and all of the evidence, every single thing except for his self-serving uncorroborated made up testimony, suggests that it is real, if it is real, it's game over. His only defense is that he made some payments in 2009. This document was entered into in 2011 and it's undisputed that he didn't pay a penny under this document and so this is a summary judgment case if it is not moneyed up by making us chase down all of these rabbit holes because Mr. Kwok decided to go rogue at his deposition.

So that's why we believe that preclusion is appropriate here, Your Honor, and the Court has power -the Court has discretion to fashion a remedy that's meant to rectify abuses of the discovery process. We cite a lot of cases in our brief where the Court strikes pleadings based upon false testimony, but the Hurricane Sandy cases, 303 F.R.D. 17, it's an Eastern District case, in that case the Court precluded a party from relying on an expert because the discovery abuse precluded a party from making certain arguments and the Court noted that that was a less significant sanction than striking pleadings, which New York Courts routinely do.

And if the Court didn't want to do this as a

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sanction, you can do it as judicial estoppel, Your Honor, because Mr. Kwok has made representations to this Court that these contracts are real and the Court relied on those representations in dismissing the case for forum non conveniens. On forum non conveniens Mr. Kwok put in front of you the contracts. He argued that they contained choice of law provisions in Hong Kong and so you should dismiss the case and let it proceed in Hong Kong because you would have to be applying Hong Kong Law. The Court granted that The Court granted that motion in part because, and I quote from the Court's decision, the transaction was, quote, governed by Hong Kong Law. The only reason the Court held that was because Mr. Kwok gave you the contracts, pointed you to the choice of law provision and said look, Judge, Hong Kong Law, choice of law provision, you need to dismiss the case.

Their only answer was that that wasn't a final judgment, so judicial estoppel doesn't apply. That's wrong. We cite cases in our reply brief showing that judicial estoppel can apply to bar a party from taking one position in a proceeding and then a completely inconsistent position and it's meant for precisely cases like this, to make sure that somebody does not abuse the judicial process by flip-flopping, taking a position in front of the Court and then completely changing its stance.

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So, Your Honor, they make the argument here that this is just about summary judgment. This is not just about summary judgment, this is about trying to do the right thing. We are not worried about summary judgment. He cannot create -- Mr. Kwok cannot create a genuine issue of fact on the authenticity of the March 2011 guarantee with self-serving testimony when all of his admissions, all of the e-mails of all of our witnesses make quite clear that that was a real document. Once that's a real document, it's summary judgment and so we are not worried about this from a summary judgment standpoint. This is about making sure that people cannot just come into courts here and give false testimony that is completely diametrically opposed from a position they have been taking for years in a litigation.

Look, I don't envy Mr. Harmon in this situation. I think what really happened, there was surprise in that room when this testimony came, I think on both sides. I don't envy the position Mr. Harmon is in in this case, but we brought this to their attention and they did not do the right thing. You are supposed to -- under the Rules of Professional Conduct you are supposed to remedy false testimony and there is no question, no question, that this was false.

THE COURT: All right. Let me hear from

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2 Mr. Harmon.

MR. HARMON: Thank you. Good morning, Your Honor.

This motion is a motion for sanctions, but this motion is all about summary judgment. If the motion was for sanctions, if that was really the object, then they could have made a motion for summary judgment and sanctions at the same time, but they have not made a motion for summary judgment. What they are looking to do is to set up a motion for summary judgment by having this Court, in essence, grant summary judgment on a motion for sanctions.

been raised by Mr. Moss. Since our appearance in this case, and we were not original counsel, so I'm talking about from the time that we were in this case, PAX has taken umbrage any time Mr. Kwok has not agreed with a factual assertion that PAX has made. Our answer to the complaint denied the material allegations of the complaint.

Following PAX's receipt of our denial of the allegations in the complaint, they wrote letters chastising us for denying nearly every allegation in the complaint, referring to their allegations as incontrovertible facts, so the notion at the beginning of this case -- the allegations regarding the loans that were made, not to Mr. Kwok because Mr. Kwok is not a borrower here, Mr. Kwok

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was never a borrower here of any loan or any investment or any facility, he was a personal guarantor of one of the loans at one time, something which he has never denied, but from the beginning of this case, Mr. Kwok, in his answer, denied the material allegations of the complaint.

Mr. Moss spoke about the Request for Admissions, but the Request for Admissions did not attach any document and asked for its authentication. That's how a request for admission is supposed to work; you attach a document to your request and you ask that the other party authenticate the document, admit that it is an authentic document. And we pointed that out to PAX on more than one occasion, that their request for us to discuss documents, which they had not attached, was an improper way of asserting or requesting an admission. And this is significant because Mr. Kwok does not read English, so in order for him to be able to look at a document, he doesn't just have to have it referred to, he has to see it.

And notwithstanding that, we repeatedly told PAX that their Request for Admissions were improper and faulty. They refused to either -- to re-serve them and attach copies of the documents. They were asking us to admit or make specific reference to a document to which we could look so that the responses could be made and so our Request for Admissions did not admit the authenticity of any

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document because no document was specifically attached or otherwise identified. And Mr. Kwok has not denied that he has signed documents. At his deposition he denied that the signatures on the documents he was shown were not authentic. That is not the same thing as saying that he denies any document in the case, but he has denied that the signatures of the documents he was shown at his deposition are his signatures.

THE COURT: Well, let me ask you this, Mr. Moss.

I meant Mr. Harmon rather.

Mr. Moss referred to the documents that Mr. Kwok submitted in connection with the forum non conveniens motion and he affirmatively sponsored those documents as true and correct copies of the documents that are at issue in this sanctions motion, so how can it be that the documents that Mr. Kwok tendered to the Court as authentic and controlling are not true and correct copies of the documents that Mr. Moss is relying on?

MR. HARMON: So, Your Honor, the answer to that question comes in two parts. The first part is that those questions were asked of Mr. Kwok at his deposition and at his deposition Mr. Kwok said that he had not seen the affidavit or the declaration before. It was submitted that he had not been shown the documents that were attached, that he was not aware of how Ms. Yu obtained the documents

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to attach them. He also testified that he is now unable to determine the answer to those questions because Ms. Yu, as have many of the Kwok family members who reside in China, have disappeared, they cannot be found. They have either been detained or arrested or have hidden out. So he cannot contact her to find out what the answer to those questions are as to how she got them, from where she got them.

That's part one, Your Honor.

Part two, Your Honor, is that you may be in a position on a motion for summary judgment to make a determination that the submission of those documents by Ms. Yu at an early stage in this case outweighs Mr. Kwok's denial at his deposition, but we are not talking here about preponderance of the evidence or the determination of disputed questions of fact. This is a motion for sanctions, not a motion for summary judgment and what PAX has asked us as Mr. Kwok's counsel to do is to be the judge, jury and executioner of our client who swears under oath at his deposition that he did not sign the documents and that he does not know where Ms. Yu or his prior counsel obtained them from in order to make that submission.

So ultimately, Your Honor, at an appropriate time, either on a motion for summary judgment, if you are so inclined, or on a trial of the merits of the action, somebody may determine that the evidence that the documents

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were signed outweighs Mr. Kwok's testimony, that it's not his signature. But that is not the motion that we have here. The motion we have here is to sanction Mr. Kwok and his counsel for not stepping up and saying, yes, Mr. Kwok lied at his deposition, and this is intended to be the setup for the summary judgment motion, but is not the summary judgment motion.

And the other indicia to which Mr. Moss points is no stronger than the Request for Admissions. There is no stipulation that was entered on the authenticity of documents in connection with the prejudgment attachment hearings, Your Honor. We entered into a so-ordered stipulation and the so-ordered stipulation to which we agreed specifically said that Mr. Kwok would not, for the purpose of the prejudgment attachment hearing, contest the merits of the case, but that he reserved the right to contest the merits at a later date. That's after the prejudgment attachment hearing was decided.

The Court -- we submitted a letter to the Court providing documents in which he said that the authenticity of the documents was not at issue, which was entirely consistent with the formal stipulation which we had negotiated and entered and which Your Honor had so ordered. Had we not done that, it would have been antithetical that we not have any prejudgment attachment here because that is

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actually the position we would have been in if that had happened.

Your Honor, we, as counsel, cannot be expected to make a decision as to whether our client's sworn testimony is true or not. Throughout the case, and starting with our answer, we denied the material allegations of the complaint. We do not admit to the authenticity of the documents in the request for admission and Mr. Kwok has not denied that he signed documents. What he testified to at his deposition is that the documents -- the signature on the documents he was shown was not his.

Now, Your Honor, Mr. Kwok has been suspicious and rightfully so, about the positions that PAX has taken throughout this case. The complaint and the amended complaint and every appearance that we have had before Your Honor has consisted of PAX telling Your Honor that Mr. Kwok borrowed \$30 million and never repaid a penny of that money. Today is the first day that PAX has ever conceded that substantial monies were repaid on the loans that it made. It was not until we obtained document discovery and began the deposition of PAX'S client -- PAX's witnesses that it became clear that there were two loans made of \$100,000,000; one for 70 million and one for 30 million, and in 2009 the full principal amount of both of those loans was repaid.

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For reasons that PAX has not explained, but for internal purposes, it chose to treat the unpaid amount as a continuation of the \$30 million original loan that was made, even though its own documents -- its own board minutes, its own reports of Deloitte to the Risk Committee, all of them acknowledge that the physical \$30 million had been repaid. So Mr. Kwok, who was -- and even here today they talk about Mr. Kwok getting the money and Mr. Kwok not Mr. Kwok was not a borrower, the entities were borrowers and it wasn't Mr. Kwok who was entering into agreements or talking about providing apartments, which he did not own, to the plaintiffs in repayment of a loan. apartments were owned by the entity to which the loans were made. Mr. Kwok is being sued on his personal guarantee and Mr. Kwok is denying that his personal guarantee on the full unpaid amount continued past a certain date.

To us, Your Honor, these raise questions of fact and as I said, the day may come when a Court -- when Your Honor, either on a motion for summary judgment or a jury on a trial, will rule that Mr. Kwok's statement that he didn't sign the documents is not believable given the preponderance of the evidence, but this is not a motion for summary judgment and it need not have been made separately either. We believe PAX was trying to set the stage for its motion for summary judgment, which, as you have heard, has

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1 Proceedings 2 yet to be made. 3 Thank you. THE COURT: All right. Is Mr. Mitchell going to 4 5 say anything? MR. MITCHELL: No, Your Honor, the motion doesn't 6 7 really involve my clients, quite frankly. THE COURT: All right. Last word, Mr. Moss. 8 9 MR. MOSS: Thank you, Your Honor. I'll be brief 10 and I'll just hit a few of the points. 11 First of all, the suggestion that we did 12 something improper by not attaching to the RFA's their own 13 documents that they had submitted to the Court and that they didn't know what documents we were talking about; we 14 15 described the parties, we described the year. They had the 16 documents and under CPLR 3123(A) you don't need to attach the documents if copies have already been furnished and 17 this was a case where they were their documents that we 18 19 were asking to stipulate to. 20 As far as Ms. Yu, the suggestion that Mr. Kwok 21 was not able to cross-examine or Hodgson Russ was able to 22 cross-examine Ms. Yu on what she said in her affidavit, 23 well, those questions should have been asked before Mr. Kwok authorized her. As he testified in his 2.4 25 deposition -- Mr. Harmon doesn't know this point --26 Mr. Kwok admitted at his deposition that he authorized Laura L. Ludovico, SCR

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Ms. Yu to put in the affidavit on his behalf and he should have asked her the questions before whether or not these were really true and correct copies before making a representation to Your Honor that they were. Of course, Boise Schiller vetted it and of course Boise Schiller knew these were true and correct copies. They got documents from somewhere. Either Mr. Kwok gave it to them or they got them from Mr. Kwok's law firm in Hong Kong, but the suggestion that he put in some affidavit with Boise Schiller and Hodgson Russ didn't have a chance to cross-examine Mr. Kwok's own witness, really, Your Honor, is beyond the pale.

The stipulation that we're talking about,

Mr. Harmon is right, we put in a stipulation that said we

did not have to prove the merits -- likelihood of success

on the merits on the attachment proceedings because we were

going to be focused on fraud and we were going to be

focused on veil piercing, but we had that stipulation. We

then gave them an exhibit list, a proposed joint exhibit

list, which included all of the contracts. They objected

to the admissibility of those contracts on the basis that

they were merits so they were subject to the stipulation

and they were irrelevant to the attachment proceeding, but

they then included in their letter a clear as day

statement, defendant -- this is Docket 325: "Defendant

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Kwok does not dispute the authenticity of any of plaintiff's exhibits." They didn't say they were disputing it for purposes of one hearing. A document is either authentic or it's not authentic. It's not authentic in one proceeding and authentic in a different proceeding.

And this whole idea about the 100 million and the 30 million, the simple fact of the matter is that the March 2011 agreement set forth the debt. Mr. Kwok has never repaid that debt. That is the document that we are suing him on, that is the debt that we are suing him on and there is really no dispute that there were no payments under that March 2011 facility. That facility was taken out by Mr. Kwok's company that he wholly owned and he personally guaranteed it and so it really is just as straightforward.

Mr. Harmon makes the argument, you know, they didn't sue on other documents. He repaid on other documents, but he never repaid this particular facility.

Thank you, Your Honor.

THE COURT: All right. Respectfully, to the movant, given the nature of this case, the concept of sanctions for what would appear to be questionable testimony is not something I'm inclined to do. However, I'm satisfied that Mr. Kwok is judicially estopped from contesting the authenticity of the documents that he, on

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more than one occasion, sponsored to the Court as authentic documents. So if-as-and-when we have a trial of this case, those documents will be admitted into evidence as true and authentic copies of documents that Mr. Kwok is judicially estopped from disputing the authenticity of and that's the disposition of this motion.

So please order a copy of the transcript and we will issue a short form order denying the motion for sanctions, but confirming that Mr. Kwok is judicially estopped from contesting the authenticity of these documents.

Anything further?

MR. MOSS: Your Honor, may I just revisit the issue of the trial date briefly?

THE COURT: Yes.

MR. MOSS: Your Honor, would we be permitted to push the trial date as the plaintiff in this case because we really do believe that kicking off the trial date will most likely result in the preservation of resources here because we do think this is a summary judgment case and we want to make sure that the Court has sufficient time to rule on our summary judgment motion and we're very concerned about the state of the world.

THE COURT: You have requested a jury. I'm not in a position to evaluate whether or not the Court will

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accommodate jury trials on October 5th. I'm also not in a position to evaluate whether witnesses from Hong Kong will be allowed to travel to the United States. We will schedule a pretrial conference for -- bear with me one moment.

(Brief pause in the record.)

THE COURT: -- September 8th, and in advance of that conference, I'll presumably have received and ruled on the forthcoming summary judgment motion and if the case is decided on motion, there will be no October 5th trial, if the case is not decided on motion, on September 8th we will discuss the October 5th trial date in light of any circumstances, but it's not my intention to move the long-scheduled trial date of this 2017 case because all of the trials that were scheduled for late March, April, May, June and July have all been slotted into dates in the latter part of 2020 and for most of the available dates in 2021 and I'm not going to reschedule this case for a 2021 date unless there's some force majeure jour reason why it can't proceed on October 5th, and there may be such a reason, but we will discuss that on September 8th, all right?

MR. MOSS: Thank you, Your Honor.

MR. HARMON: Very good.

THE COURT: Have a nice day.

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